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LB 7, 38, 71, 71A, 76, 94, 98, 111, 130, 205 211A, 243, 243A, 244, 246, 287, 320, 396 410, 446, 529, 654, 754, 755, 756, 757

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 211A does advance. Mr. Clerk, do you have items for the record, or announcements?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President. Thank you. Enrollment and Review reports LB 98, LB 7, LB 205, LB 244, LB 246, LB 71, LB 71A, LB 243, LB 243A, LB 76, and LB 94 to Select File, some of those having Enrollment and Review amendments attached. Your Committee on Judiciary, chaired by Senator Bourne, reports LB 111, LB 320, LB 396, LB 654, LB 756 to General File; and LB 130, LB 410, LB 446, LB 529, LB 754, LB 755, LB 757 to General File with committee amendments attached; those reports signed by Senator Bourne. Priority bill designation: Senator Engel has selected LB 38. And a confirmation report from Health and Human Services Committee, Mr. President. And that's all that I have. (Legislative Journal pages 646-652.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk, LB 287.

CLERK: LB 287 is a bill by Senator McDonald. (Read title.) Introduced on January 10, referred to General Affairs Committee, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending, Mr. President. (AM0070, Legislative Journal page 360.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator McDonald, you're recognized to open on LB 287.

SENATOR McDONALD: Mr. President and members, LB 287 directs the General Affairs Committee to examine the laws governing the management and the use of cemeteries. The General Affairs Committee would determine whether the cemetery and burial laws need to be rewritten so that the language in our statutes reflects how we use it today. Many of these laws were passed at the beginning of the last century, and haven't been updated. LB 287 directs the committee to examine the effects of urban and rural growth on cemeteries. Cemeteries on the edge of cities and towns that are growing have specific issues related to that growth. At the end of this year, LB 287 requires the General Affairs Committee to submit a report to the Legislature, along with their recommendations for policy changes. I encourage you